

IT IS VERY BRACING,

THIS WEATHER, BUT IT BRINGS ITS SHARE OF JOY AND SORROW.

The Mercury is Way Down and the Wind Has Fully Performed its Functions. Skating on the Lakes.

The mercury is down. It began falling towards the silver bulb on Monday afternoon, and yesterday when the average citizen, still tired with the delights of Christmas, emerged from his dwelling, he was greeted with a cold atmosphere that was intensified by a northwesterly wind.

Had the air been still matters would not have been so bad, but with a cold piercing wind, whirling around the corners, about the day locomotion proved not only difficult, but painful to ears, eyes and noses. As a consequence there were few pedestrians on the street, even in the business districts. A run to the bank and a couple of trips to the postoffice were about the only "outing" made by the clerk or book-keeper, and the journey home to dinner was made on the cars. It was far too cold for walking.

Business was not brisk, however, even in the retail districts. There were few shoppers on Broad street, and the ladies who ventured out scurried along in their efforts to keep warm. The Broad street merchants restored order from the chaos of Christmas sales had made, and last evening were again ready to sell bargains at reduced rates.

The weather was intensely cold early yesterday morning, and at 9 A. M. the mercury registered 22° at noon. It gained two degrees, and at 3 P. M. 28°. From that time until midnight the mercury remained stationary, and it was cold and cloudy in the early hours this morning.

The coldest weather last year was on December 1st, when the thermometer registered seven degrees above zero; in 1890, December 11th, seventeen degrees above; in 1889, February 24th, eleven degrees above; in 1888, January 29th, ten degrees above; in 1887, January 5th, six degrees above; and on January 18th, it fell to one degree above zero. Not since January 1, 1881, has the mercury fallen to a point below zero.

There is excellent skating on all the ponds and lakes near Richmond, and cars bound westward in the afternoon and night are filled with boys and girls, youths and maidens, who are eager for the exhilarating sport at the New reservoir lake.

At Forest Hill Park there is also a large contingent, and with such extreme cold weather as at present for the next few days, there will be a chance for all to glide over the ice.

Skating in Richmond is a rarity, there having been but little here for several years past. The last time the dock was tightly frozen, and at night especially, youths glided about the ships and played hide-and-seek among the masts and anchor chains.

Thanks are due each day at Reservoir Park to the first crowd of skaters, for they are the people who go to the trouble of building a fire. A crackling, sizzling log fire on a lake's bank is an arrangement not to be despised by even the man who can cut the figure 8, and the pioneers each day are forced to take the trouble of gathering twigs and splitting logs.

Last night the ice on the Reservoir lake was flooded, so that there will be to-day an icy road down the falls, and considerable to the skaters' enjoyment.

Yesterday one heard but the faintest echoes of Christmas. The weather kept many at home who would have gone visiting, and the men were too cold to chat long on the streets. The cafes, though, were well patronized during the day, but at night were like banquet halls, deserted.

The river is fast filling up with ice that has washed down from the falls, and it looks as though there is to be an ice gorge. The ice as it floats down the falls presents a very pretty appearance. In some places below Mayo's bridge the stream is frozen across. The ice, however, does not at present interfere with steamboat navigation.

CAME DOWN THE LADDER.

The Way Santa Claus Gained Entrance in the West-End Mission.

About a hundred and fifty children of all sizes were made happy yesterday afternoon when the Christmas entertainment at the West-End Mission, on Main and Lombardy streets, took place. The mission is sustained by the Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew from Grace, Monumental and St. James' churches, and their members, assisted by a number of laymen, and the congregation, had provided for the entertainment.

The room was handsomely decorated with wreaths of evergreen and appropriate inscriptions. After the singing of a hymn by the choir, to which Mr. Charles Pindexter played the accompaniment on the organ, Rev. Preston Nash, of Christ church, made an address on the life of Christ, interwoven with instructive lessons, to his youthful hearers. He illustrated his address by a number of cleverly produced slides, the subject of which was taken from the Holy Scriptures. The little ones listened very attentively, and promptly answered all questions which Mr. Nash asked them in connection with the life of the Saviour. At the close of the address the children were regaled by a number of comical illustrations, each of which, however, demonstrated a lesson to the hearers, to which Mr. Nash called the attention of his audience.

Finally the sheet was removed on which the pictures had been reproduced, and Santa Claus made his appearance. He was the foot of a Jacob's ladder, which was loaded down with Christmas presents. After exchanging himself for his late appearance, Santa Claus at once called out the list of the scholars of the Sunday school. Each one of them, as soon as notified, eagerly came to the front to receive a box of candy and a bag of fruit, cakes, etc.

Admission had only been granted to the children by tickets, which had been issued two weeks ago to the attendants of the Sunday school. Several little urchins who had failed to attend their classes were left on the ticket distribution. However, they assembled in front of the building, and whenever the door opened they begged to be allowed to come in, promising at the same time that on next Sunday they would come to Sunday school. They showed a commendable degree of perseverance, and were finally admitted, coming just in time to participate in the distribution of presents.

RICHARD MANSFIELD,

The Popular Actor, Appears Next Week at the Mozart Academy of Music.

Mr. Richard Mansfield, an actor who is recognized by every critic in this country as the greatest actor of the latter part of the nineteenth century, will commence a four nights' engagement at the Mozart Academy of Music next Monday evening, January 2d. The plays which he has decided to present in this country are as follows: Monday evening, "A Parisian Romance;" Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, "The Scarlet Letter;" Wednesday evening, "The Scarlet Letter."

Mr. Mansfield stands today pre-eminent in creative ability. His versatility will be shown during his engagement in this city. An Actor of the "Parisian Romance," Mr. Mansfield first sprang into prominence in a single night. The play is full of human interest. The Baron Chevalier is a rich banker, whose life has been spent at the shrine of pleasure. He has two objects in life: the acquisition of money and the love of the women. In the last act of the play, he is struck by a slight stroke of paralysis, but recovers, and goes on with preparations for the feast. Presently the guests come

on, and while they are at the height of their enjoyment, the final stroke overtakes the Baron while he is in the act of giving his famous toast to matter. The miserable wretch, with wine-glass uplifted and the hand of death clutching him, makes a terrific struggle to recover himself, but in vain, and the wine-glass falls from his hand, dashed into a thousand pieces, and he is asked up to the balcony, where he dies. There is not a more terribly realistic scene than this to be witnessed on the stage, and Mr. Mansfield never fails to receive an ovation.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with Mr. Mansfield in the role of the famous Beau, the presentation will certainly be a delightful bit of acting as one can hope to experience. This character is one that will bear seeing many times. The play is simply a history of an old man, who, after having lived in the favor of princes and lords, and the smiles of court ladies, falls into subject poverty and dies a pauper. The character of the old man in the hands of Mr. Mansfield is claimed to be a revelation. The refined snobbery of the court dandy, so delicately portrayed by him, it is impossible to overstate.

On Thursday evening a dramatization of a novel which is known to every reader in this country will be presented. It is "The Scarlet Letter," by Nathaniel Hawthorne, a story with a beautiful moral. This play is the latest addition to Mr. Mansfield's repertoire, and wherever it has been presented it has received the warmest praises of press and public.

The sale of seats for Mr. Mansfield's engagement opens on Thursday morning, December 28th, at 9 o'clock.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

Mrs. Dr. Charles H. Chalkley has returned from a visit to Baltimore.

Mr. R. P. Barham, editor of the Petersburg Index-Appeal, was in Richmond yesterday.

Miss Ellen Guigon is spending the holidays with her brother, Captain A. B. Guigon, No. 511 North Seventh street.

Colonel William F. Wickham is visiting friends in Clarke county, and will be absent from the city for the remainder of the week.

Mr. Foster Murray, of Norfolk, son of Mr. K. C. Murray, editor of the Landmark, was a guest at the Executive Mansion Monday.

Trinity Lodge of Good Templars had a pleasant meeting last night, and after the transaction of routine business refreshments were served.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold their monthly meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Sanitary Officer Z. G. Lamkin was presented on Christmas day with a handsome rocker-chair by the employees of the Health Department of the First district.

Mr. James Woodall, 939 east Broad street, was surprised by receiving from his employees a beautiful gold pen-holder and pen for a Christmas present.

Mrs. T. M. Logan gave a delightful entertainment Monday night in honor of her daughter, Miss Lily Logan. About one hundred and fifty young people were present, and spent a most pleasant time.

Miss Jessie McLaughlin, who has been attending Ingram Institute, has returned to spend Christmas and New Year with her friends. She was accompanied by Miss Bennett, also of Ingram Institute.

Mr. H. L. Rees, Jr., organist of the Second Presbyterian church, is spending the holidays with friends in Fluvanna. He will direct a concert with tableaux, while there, for the benefit of Lyla Baptist church.

Mr. Polk Miller and the members of his band club will on Friday evening give an entertainment at Old Market Hall free of charge for the benefit of those who usually attend the religious meetings in that locality.

Mr. Chris. P. Johnson and bride (nee Snyder), who were married at West Troy, N. Y., Christmas Eve, arrived home yesterday, and will receive the congratulations of their friends at No. 625 north Sixth street.

Mrs. A. J. Pyle in accordance with the established custom of her house presented each of the employees of her dyeing establishment with a nice and useful Christmas present. She was also the recipient of a handsome remembrance from them.

By typographical error The Times mentioned that the Christmas celebration at the First Presbyterian church Sunday-school on Sunday, "everybody brought something useful for the pastor." It should have read, "Something useful for the people."

The infant department of the Grace-street Baptist Sunday school will have to-night a cantata entitled, "A Jolly Christmas." The purpose of this little cantata is to provide an appropriate and interesting musical entertainment for the children, and to adorn the service with appropriate verses, many beautiful colored pictures. The menu was made up of the choicest delicacies and viands, and it was one of the finest bills of fare ever set before a guest.

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HOLLINS' MILL BURNED.

A LANDMARK IN THE VICINITY OF LYNCHBURG DESTROYED.

At One Time It Was Pre-eminent Among Virginia Mills—A Handsome German to be Given—A Masonic Supper.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 27.—Special.—Hollins' Mill, located on Blackwater creek, in Brookville township, about a quarter of a mile beyond the city limits, was destroyed by fire between 9 and 10 o'clock last night. The origin of the fire could not be learned. The mill was consumed, as also the flooring of the iron bridge across the creek and the dam.

After the fire had gained considerable headway, it was seen from the city, and an alarm was turned in. The department responded promptly, but on reaching the vicinity of the fire, saw that they could do no good, as there was not water enough available to extinguish the flames. Hollins' Mill was a historic institution, and had been in operation for many decades. It was built by Martin Hollins, the same man for whom Hollins Institute was named. At one time it was pre-eminent among Virginia mills, and to the day it was burned there were many people who preferred its products over any other. The plant was owned by Captain J. J. Dillard, and its worth was estimated at between \$500 and \$600. It was operated by James H. Hottel & Co.

A German will be given next Friday night by Mr. R. C. Stokes in honor of Miss Carithers, of Kentucky, who is visiting Miss Hamner, and Miss Maund Jones, of South Carolina, who is visiting Miss Juliet Adams.

Three lodges of Masons of this city gave a grand union Christmas supper in the banquet hall of the Marshall Lodge to-night. There was a large crowd of the fraternity present.

JUSTICE JOHN'S COURT.

The Dispenser Had Fun Opening His Christmas Stocking.

When the doors of the police court were opened yesterday morning about three hundred folks snuggled into the room filled with a flock of sheep when the door was rolled up, and strange as it may seem, most all of that flock were "black sheep," too, in more senses than one.

The colored part of the audience had been shivering outside for half an hour, and when they reached the sawdust hall the chattering of teeth showed that they were not at all comfortable. The door of a hail storm upon a shingle roof.

Justice John seized the big docket with the eagerness of a child after the well-supplied Christmas stocking, and was as amply furnished with material for a day's digestion, for he found the "fruits of Christmas" under the "hard nuts" from all quarters of the town.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

To be Married.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the clerk of the hustings court: Robert A. Luck and Orelia C. Austin; Raymond L. Smith and Lee Jenkins; William R. Cavado and Minnie Marcella; George T. Parks and Annie B. Bethel; Charles D. Carter and Addie B. Woodard, all white.

The following colored couples were also granted licenses: Albert Rochelle and Margaret Cheatham; Daniel A. Wilson and Rosa Walton; Moses M. Hilton and Nannie B. Morris.

Safe in England.

Mr. J. F. Swineburne, the young Englishman who during his recent stay at Centralia, Chesterfield county, with the aid of some boon companions, disposed of about \$12,000, has just arrived in safety at his old home in Harrogate, Yorkshire, England.

Truly Metropolitan.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 27, 1892.

Editor of The Times:

As one of the subscribers to The Times, I wish to compliment you on your magnificent Christmas edition. It was truly a metropolitan newspaper, and would have done credit to a much larger city than ours. The rapid steps taken by The Times in legitimate journalism deserve recognition by our people, and I do not doubt the time is near when The Times will be "the newspaper" of the South.

"Being continued success and prosperity for your paper during the coming year, I am, very truly,"

"PETE FRANKLIN."

A Credit to the South.

The Richmond Times has not yet completed its seventh volume, yet its Sunday editions rival in size and quality of contents the Sunday editions of the older journals in the largest cities on the continent. The Times is a manifestation of the pluck, power and ability of Southern enterprise and is a credit to the South.—Charleston (W. Va.) Daily Gazette.

Many old soldiers who contracted chronic diarrhoea while in the service have since been permanently cured of it by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by Owens & Drug Company, 107 east Main street.

The Times' Premium Books.

We have a plenty premium books on hand now to supply everybody. Better get one this week and use it for a Christmas gift. You have only to agree to take the paper for six months and pay 15 cents a week, and you get The Times daily and the book without extra charge. See our column advertisement.

A Useful Christmas Gift.

We have manufactured expressly for the holidays an extra large bottle of the finest quality of Sauer's Flavoring Extracts, to retail at \$1.25 a bottle. For sale by all first-class grocers. Smaller sizes, 10c. and 25c. Trial size, 5c.

What folly! To be without BRECHMANN'S PILLS.

DEATHS.

FAIR.—Died, at the residence of her nephew, Rev. James Y. Fair, D. D., at 7:30 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, Dec. 27th, 1892, JOSEPHINE P. FAIR.

Funeral services at the house (No. 215 south third street) THIS (Wednesday) MORNING at 11:30 o'clock. Burial at Prospect, Newberry county, S. C.

KAUFMANN & CO.

Seasonable Bargains For This Week.

Cashmere Baby Caps, all colors, 15c. Silk Flash Caps, all colors, 35c.

Fine Silk and Flash Caps, all colors, 75c. Changeable Silk and Flash Caps, all colors, \$1.00.

Zephyr Knit Scaques, 25c. Zephyr Knit Scaques, better quality, 35c.

and 50c. Zephyr and Silk Knit Scaques, fine quality, 60c.

Fine quality Scaques, 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25. Children's Knit Woolen Shirts, 25c.

Children's Knit Woolen Vests, all sizes, 25c. Fine Grade Woolen Vests for children, 35c., 50c. and 60c.

Complete line of sizes of Norfolk and New Brunswick Children's Shirts and Drawers, every pair warranted.

Ladies' Swiss Ribbed Vests, 25c. Heavier and better grade, 35c.

Norfolk and New Brunswick make for Ladies, 60c., 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25.

SPECIAL OFFERING OF

Fur Capes and Muffs THIS WEEK. Our stock is entirely too heavy. We are offering great values to unload same.

MILLINERY.

There seems to be no dull in this Department this season. Our trimmers are still at work, and to see the Hats coming from our workroom you would imagine it was the beginning of the season instead of nearing the end. Well, no wonder. We have reduced prices on Hats and Material for trimming to just half early season prices. Another lot of Tan and Red and Myrtle Hats and several styles in small black, nobby shapes.

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